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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-9 and 12-15 are now pending in the application. The section

entitled Amendments to the Claims has been replaced with the attached Replacement

Amendments to the Claims to correct the status identifier of claim 3, and therefore places

the response in a compliant condition.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed.

accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the

Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a

full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the

present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration

of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal

communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to

telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please

charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750, under Order No. 9896-000023/US/NP from

which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: December 15, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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